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TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, HEG, IS, US

SUBJ: ISRAELI RIG IN BLOCK 305

RZF: (A) CAIRO 16086 (B) CAIRO 16087O

1. LATE LAST NIGHT GAMASY TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE HAS CONFIRMED THE ISRAELI RIG IS IN THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF BLOCK 305. HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ONE KILOMETER CLOSER TO THE RAMADAN FIELD THAN AMOCO'S ZSTIMATZ, BUT AGREED THE RIG IS OUTSIDE THE FIELD.

2. GAMASY SAID HE HAD REPORTED THE WHOLE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE ISRAELI RIG IN A CONCESSION AREA GRANTED BY GOE TO AMOCO. THE PRESIDENT ASSUMES USG WILL ALSO BE DISTURBED AT SUCH ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN INTERESTS. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT THE RIG SHOULD NOT BE CHALLENGED IN ITS PRESENT POSITION. SHOULD IT MOVE INTO THE RAMADAN FIELD, THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY IS TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NEEDED TO FORCE IT TO WITHDRAW. SPEAKING SOMEWHAT CRYPTICALLY, GAMASY SAID THE PRESIDENT WILL INSTRUCT MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD TO TAKE UP WITH ME THE "POLITICAL
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ASPECTS."

3. I ASSUME RIAD WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH ME BEFORE LONG.
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